tism was a part of the agitation against the transfer of pilots to Calcutta It was also stated on behalf of the pilots that it was in protest against denial by the management of the facility of travel back to the base station in the case of 7 pilots on temporary duty who had reported sick in Calcutta

(d) and (e) As a result of this agitation, 94 flights were cancelled on 20th and 21st of December and a severely curtailed sched ule was introduced for the period 22nd to 26th Deceber 1991 The loss sustained by Indian Airlines owing to dislocation of serv ices during the period 20th to 26th Decem ber, 1991 is estimated at Rs 4 crores

(f) and (g) The agitation was called off unconditionally Government have set up a tripartite consultation forum which is en gaged in an effort to ensure that the manage ment of the airlines and its employees have closer communication and interaction In dian Airlines has been advised to energise its internal systems for grievance settlement The Chief Executive has also been advised to take meetings periodically to facilitate communication among different sections of the employees These are among the meas ures taken to ensure maintenance of cordial industrial relations

The issue concerning transfer of pilots to Calcutta is under conciliation before the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) , Bombay

Scarcity of Coal in Thermal Power Stations in Capital

*177 SHRI TARACHAND KHANDEL WAL Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether thermal power stations in Delhi have been facing acute shortage of coal in the recent months resulting in load sheddings during winter months

(b) if so, the reasons therefor

(c) whether supply of poor quantity of coal for power generation was one of the causes thereof,

(d) if so, the reasons for the supply of poor quantity coal and the details of loss suffered by the Delhi Electric Supply Under takings on this account, and

(e) the steps taken to ensure the unin terrupted supply of better quality of coal to the power stations in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDE PENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (e) The power supply position in Delhi during the year 1991 92 including winter months has been by and large sat isfactory and there has been no loss of generation at thermal power stations in Delhi on account of inadequate supplies of coal The supply of adequate quantity and quality of coal to various thermal power stations in the country including those in Delhi, is regu larly reviewed by a high level Committee and necessary remedial action is taken by the concerned organisations The complaints about supply of inferior quality of coal are also referred to the Coal Controller

[*Translation*]

Effect of Extremists Activities on Tourism in Kashmir

*178 PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the extremists activities in Kashmir have adversely affected tourism there

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this problem is also afflicting other important tourist spots in the country;

(d) whether the Government have taken steps to check it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The tourist traffic to Kashmir declined to about 5,017 during 1991 as compared to 557,977 during 1989.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise

[*English*]

More flights in North-Eastern Region

*179. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines proposes to introduce more flights in the North-Eastern region during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The capacity presently provided by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot to/from stations in the North-Eastern Region is considered sufficient to meet the existing passenger demand.

Staff strength in Vayudoot

*180. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff employed in the Vayudoot has nearly been doubled during the last four years while the fleet strength has actually gone down;

(b) whether the Government propose to reduce the staff strength to curtail the losses in the Vayudoot and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) the details of the manpower and the fleet strength during the last four years in Vayudoot were as follows:-

Year	*Fleet Strength*		*Manpower*
1987-88	DO-228	10	1016
	HS-748	05	
	F-27	04	
	Total	19	